

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a Special Board Meeting at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, on December 23, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing on December 19, 2000, to each and every member of said Board. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Mr. William S. Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Mr. J. Roy Klumb, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carl Nicholson, President.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Whitten, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session.

On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Garrett, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board **voted to go into Executive Session**, for the reason later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of the *Ayers* case.

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Griffis, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

The following report on the Executive Session was given by the President:

A motion was made by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Ross, to empower the settlement team to negotiate further in accordance with the authority given. The motion passed. Board members voting for the motion were: Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Mr. William S. Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten. **Mr. J. Roy Klumb voted no.**

No further action was taken.

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Ross, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to recess until further call of the Chairman.